

**Board of Education
June 28, 2012**

Amendments to Agenda Item H

**Final Review of Proposed Changes to the
Virginia Charter School Application Process and Application to Conform to
HB 1173 and SB 440 Passed by the 2012 General Assembly**

Amendment 1

Proposed amendment to Education Component IV: Evidence of Support on page 8 of the Virginia Public Charter School Application Process (Attachment A) and page 6 of the Virginia Public Charter School Application (Attachment B). The proposed changes are denoted in bold red.

- IV. *Evidence of Support:*** Provide evidence that an adequate number of parents, teachers, pupils, or any combination thereof, supports the formation of a public charter school. The following components must be addressed:
1. Information and materials indicating how parents, the community, and other stakeholders were involved in supporting the application for the public charter school.
 2. Tangible evidence of support for the public charter school from parents, teachers, students, and residents, or any combination thereof, including but not limited to information regarding the number of persons and organizations involved in the process and petitions related to the establishment of the charter school. **If applicable, provide information regarding discussions with the local public school division and/or local school board for support regarding operational and financial components of the charter school application. If there have been no discussions to date, please indicate the reason.**
 3. A description of how parental involvement will be used to support the educational needs of the students, the school's mission and philosophy, and its educational focus.

Amendment 2

Proposed amendment to Part B: Schedule for Review by the Virginia Board of Education on page 5 of the Virginia Public Charter School Application Process (Attachment A). The proposed changes are denoted in bold red.

Action by the Virginia Board of Education

Following the meeting of the applicant with the Board's Charter Schools Committee, VDOE staff, on behalf of the committee, will prepare a report with the determination from the Board's Charter Schools Committee as to whether the application meets the Board's approval criteria. A copy of the report will be provided to the applicant within ten business days of the committee meeting.

The Charter Schools Committee report will normally be ~~presented~~ considered for first review at the next regularly scheduled full Board meeting. The applicant will be requested to attend this meeting to answer questions or make comments on the application.

At ~~this~~ the next regularly scheduled Board meeting following first review, the Board will ~~normally~~ consider the application for final review and will take one of the following actions . . .

Amendment 3

Proposed amendment to Section II: General Instructions on page 3 of the Virginia Public Charter School Application Process (Attachment A). The proposed changes are denoted in bold red.

~~There is nothing that prohibits a~~ A prospective applicant ~~from contacting a~~ is encouraged to initiate discussion with the local school division ~~for assistance~~ in advance of submitting an application to the Board. ~~or and if~~ The school division and its leadership ~~from communicating are~~ also encouraged to communicate with any applicant or potential applicant. ~~The Board encourages an applicant to do so.~~ Working with the local school division prior to submission of the application can help to ensure a smooth transition for any charter school that may be approved by the local school board and then established within the local school division.

Amendment 4

Proposed amendment to Education Component VI" Educational Program on page 9 of the Virginia Public Charter School Application Process (Attachment A). The proposed changes are denoted in bold red.

8. Information regarding the minimum and maximum enrollment per grade for each year ~~for~~ during the term of the charter contract. as well as class size and structure for each grade served by the public charter school.